GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:477
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2000
CHANGES IN RESERVED LIST OF ITEMS IN SSI
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted a Ministerial level committee for bringing in changes in the listreserved for small scale industries;

(b) if so, the date on which this committee was constituted, the names of its members and the duties assigned to the committee for submitting its report;

(c) whether the terms of reference includes bringing in changes in the list of items reserved to be manufactured by small scale industries; and

(d) if so, the need for changes in the said reserved list and likely effect thereof on small scale industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (c): The Government have constituted a Group of Ministers on the28th June, 2000 with the following composition and terms of reference:

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Shri L.K. Advani    - Minister of Home Affairs
Shri Murasoli Maran  - Minister of Commerce and Industry
Shri Kashiram Rana  - Minister of Textiles
Shri Yashwant Sinha  - Minister of Finance
Shri K.C. Pant   - Deputy Chairman, Planning
     Commission
Smt. Vasundhara Raje  - Minister of State (Independent Charge)
     in the Ministry of Small Scale
     Industries and Agro and Rural Industries,
     Minister of State in the Ministry of
     Personnel, Public Grievances and
     Pensions, and Minister of State in the
     Department of Atomic Energy and
     department of Space.
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The terms of reference are:

(i) After consideration of various recommendations including the specific suggestions made by the Ministry of SSI and ARI, to formulate an integrated and balanced package of policy measures necessary to strengthen the SSI sector, particularly in the context of the dismantling of QRs and the consequent increase in international competition; and

(ii) to consider and evolve a road map for selective de-reservation in respect of certain products presently reserved for the SSI Sector, as may be considered necessary for enabling a phased and orderly transition and increasing national competitiveness

(d): The issue of reservation/de-reservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the SSI Sector is examined on a continual basis by the Government and decisions in this respect are taken after considering all relevant aspects.